U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Docket Number: 22750/434A Art Unit Application Number Filing Date To be assigned To be assigned Herewith To be Assigned Invention Title Inventor(s) **MULTI-SEGMENTED FILAMENTS AND** GROTEN et al. METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THEIR **MANUFACTURE**

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced divisional patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 5, after the title, please add the following paragraph:

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-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a division of U.S. Serial No. 09/515,866, filed February 29, 2000. ---

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 12 and 19 to 20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 12 and 19 to 20 have been canceled. Claims 13 to 18 are now pending in this application.

5 It is respectfully submitted that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of these claims is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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